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THE BLACK DIAMOND MEETS THE DEADLY FARO KID FACE TO FACE! BOTH ARE SAID TO HAVE THE FASTEST DRAW IN THE WEST! IF BOTH CAN'T WIN IN THEIR FIGHT TO THE FINISH, WHO WILL? SEE INSIDE!



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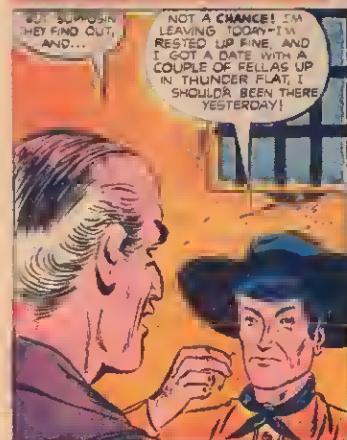
the BLACK DIAMOND

IN THE DAYS OF THE DESPERADOES!

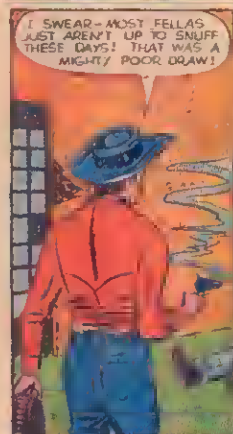
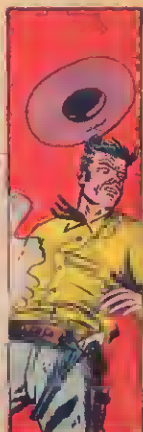
IN THE LATE 1860'S, A GREAT MANY GUNMEN RODE THROUGH THE WEST, READY TO KILL FOR GAIN, OR EVEN NOTORIETY—BUT NONE WERE AS DEADLY AND VICIOUS AS THE FARO KID! HIS ABILITY TO OUT-DRAW ALL COMERS MADE HIM FEARED BY LAWMEN AND LAWLESS ALIKE! HIS ONE AIM WAS TO CUT DOWN THE ONLY MAN WHO THREATENED HIS REPUTATION—THE BLACK DIAMOND!



...AND SO IT WAS THAT BLACK DIAMOND AND THE FARO KID MET IN A GUN DUEL AT THUNDER FLAT, WHERE ONLY ONE WAS TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS!





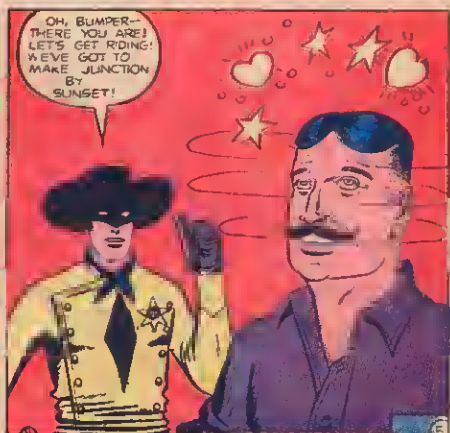
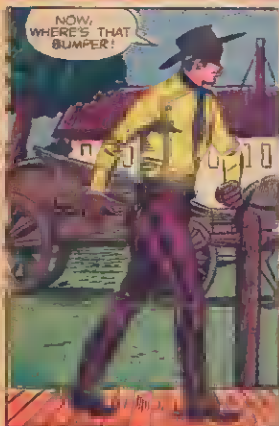


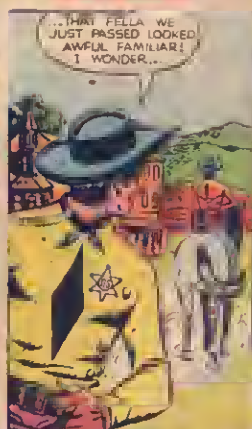
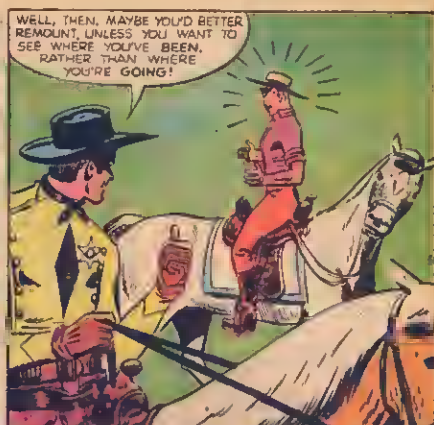
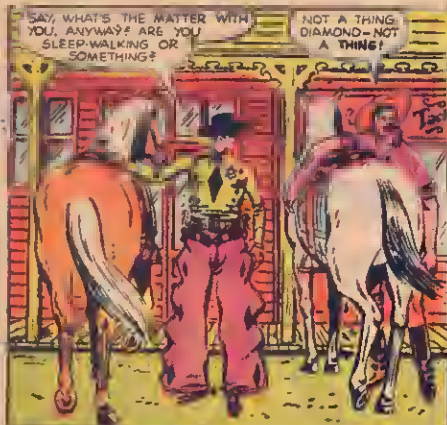
WHY... THAT
BIG ROAN THERE-
BUT THAT'S THE
SHERIFF'S
HORSE!



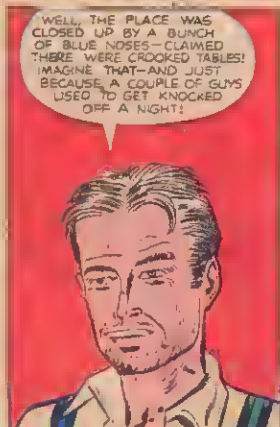
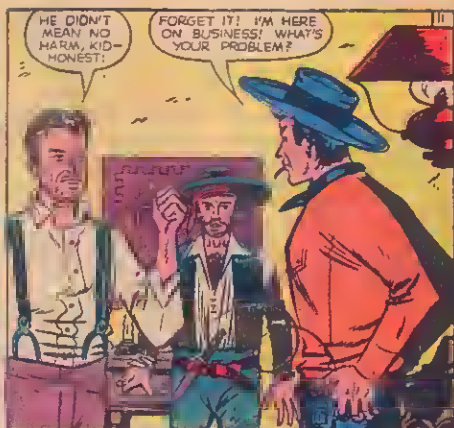
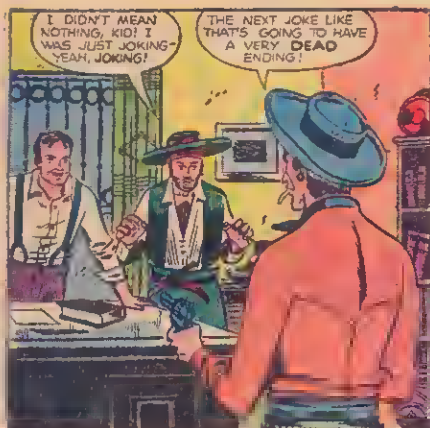
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STRANGER? YOUR FACE
LOOKS REAL FAMILIAR!

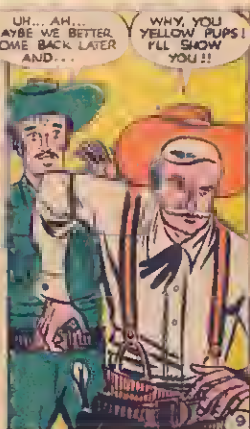
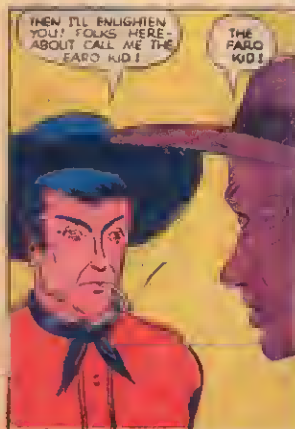
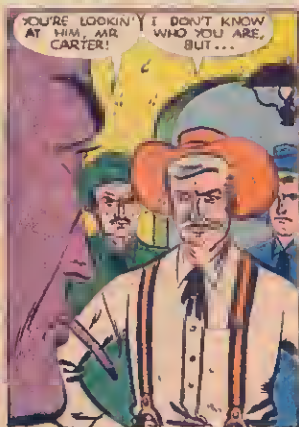
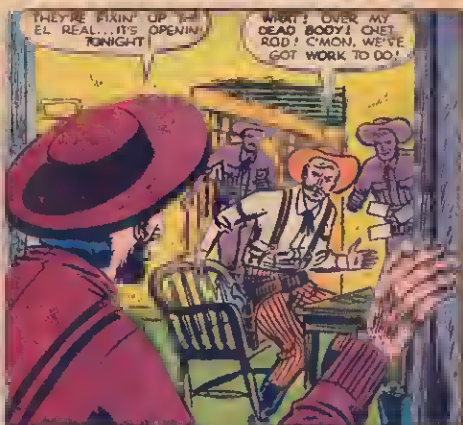


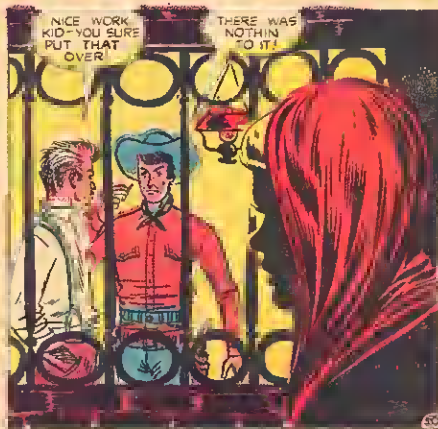
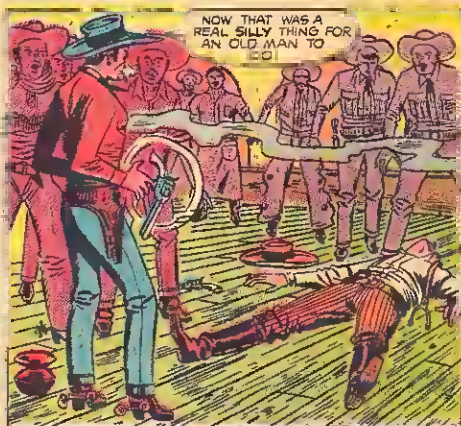
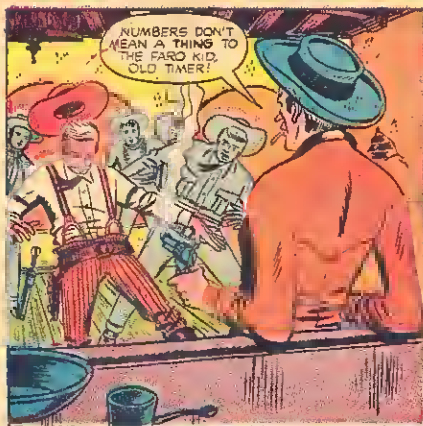


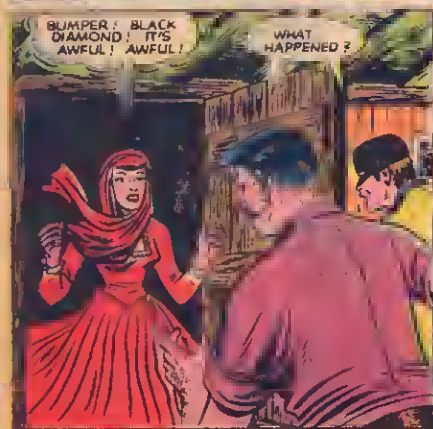
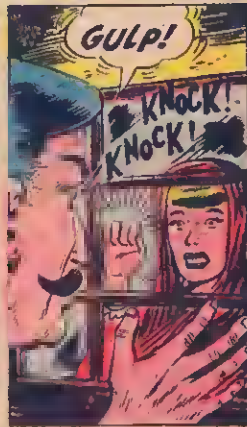


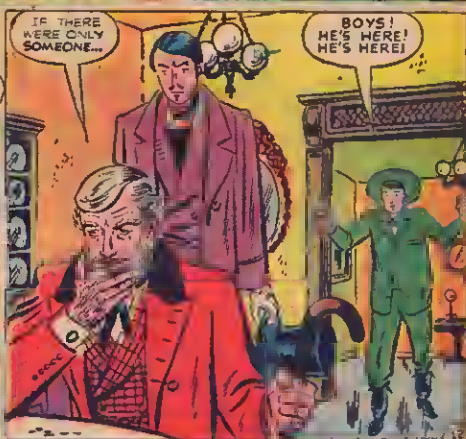


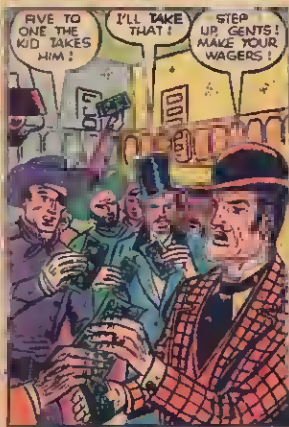


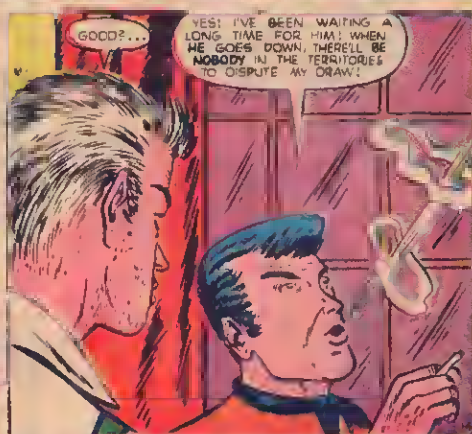
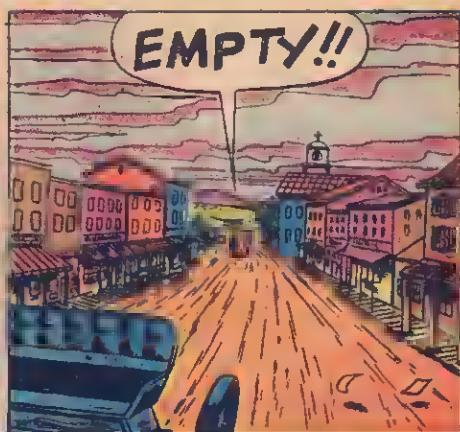


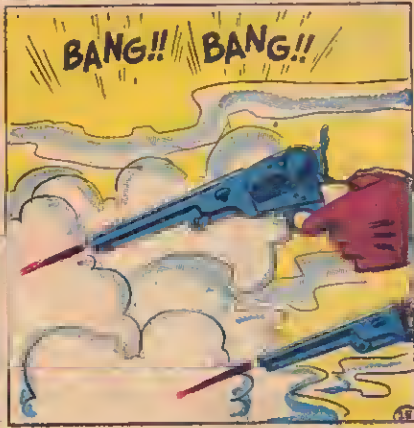
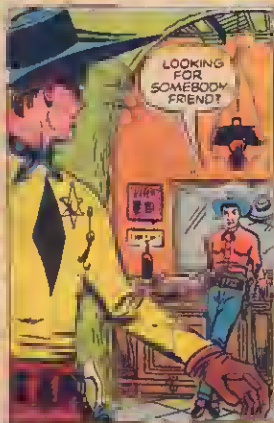




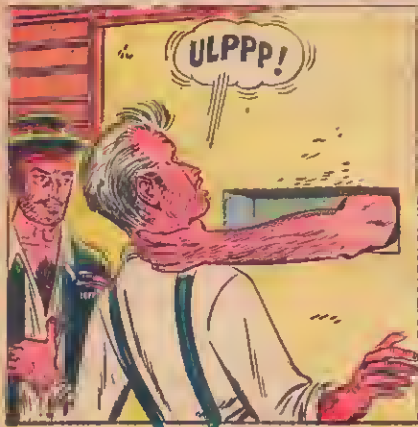
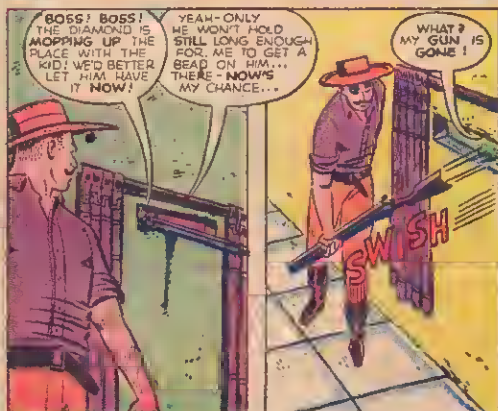
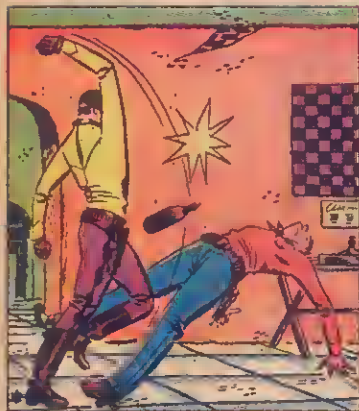
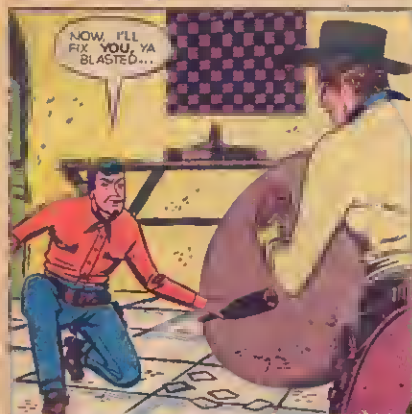


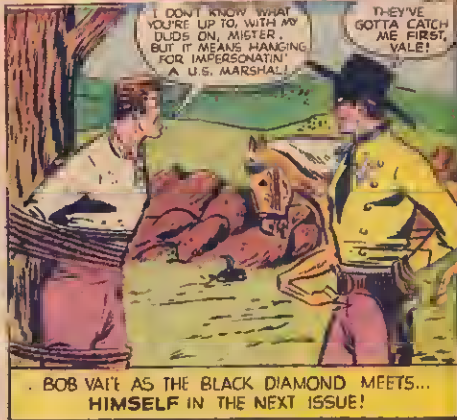












**BLACK DIAMOND'S
PALOMINO HORSE
has been
NAMED!**

the
\$1500⁰⁰

*cash prize winners
WILL BE ANNOUNCED
in the next issue of BLACK
DIAMOND WESTERN!*

126 PRIZES IN ALL!



Did YOU enter the mammoth
BLACK DIAMOND CONTEST
which appeared in our April
and May issues by sending
in a name for BLACK DIA-
MOND'S wonderful Polo-
mino Horse?

If you did, you may be the
winner of the \$1,000.00
Grand Prize or one of the
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prizes!

DON'T MISS IT!

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RUNNING...

TO GET...

THE BLACK
DIAMOND
WESTERN...

WHICH
IS...



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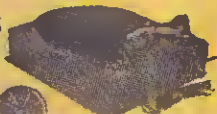
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**WE
TRUST
YOU**

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GIRLS
MEN
LADIES**



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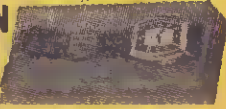
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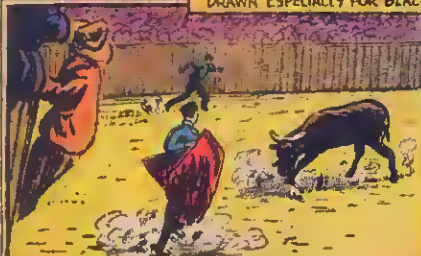
Name _____ Age _____
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Town _____ Zone _____
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Print LAST Name Here _____
First _____ Middle _____

Paste on a postal card or mail in an envelope NOW

SURE AS SHOOTIN'

by
**CLAUDE
MOORE**

DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR "BLACK DIAMOND" by C.H. MOORE



THE ONLY BULL FIGHT IN THE UNITED STATES ON RECORD WAS HELD IN DODGE CITY, KANSAS, JULY 4, 1884 - IT WAS MARKED AS A CRUEL AND DISGUSTING EXHIBITION, AND THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS PASSED STRICT LAWS MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO HOLD BULLFIGHTS IN THE U.S.!

C.H. MOORE



A GOLD NUGGET THAT WEIGHED OVER 13 POUNDS, AND WORTH ABOUT \$40,000, WAS BROUGHT TO THE EAST BY ITS FINDER AND EXHIBITED AT 50 CENTS A LOOK —

THE NUGGET MADE HIM A MILLIONAIRE - IN INTEREST!



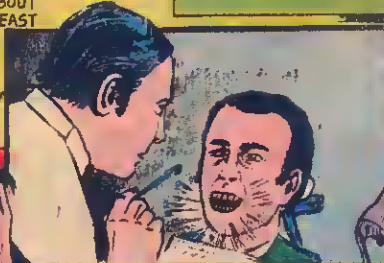
'LUCKY' RIDER - Homberg Spa, California - BET \$60,000 ON THE TURN OF A SINGLE CARD — AND LOST! IN LESS THAN 3 HOURS, HE LOST \$200,000 PLAYING CARDS IN THE GAMING DEN!



**PEDRO
BUSTAMENTE**

- A MEXICAN, WAS BROUGHT INTO COURT, IN California, AS A HORSE THIEF -

"DO YOU SMOKE CIGARETTES? DO YOU BLOW THE SMOKE THROUGH YOUR NOSE?" ASKED THE JUDGE! "SI, SEÑOR," REPLIED PEDRO! "THEN I FIND YOU GUILTY AS CHARGED AND ORDER YOU TO BE SHOT AS A HORSE THIEF!" THE JUDGE DID NOT HOLD HIS OFFICE FOR LONG!

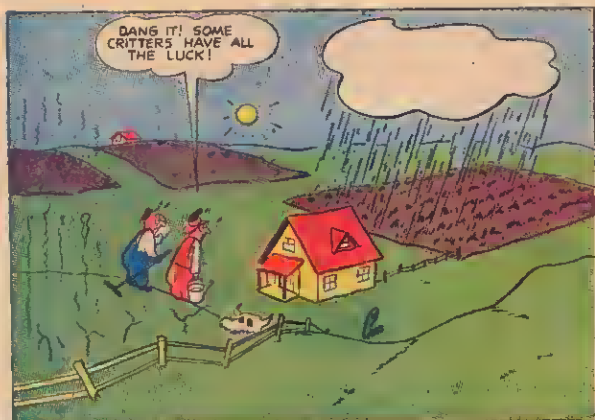


SCORES OF MEN WHO STRUCK IT RICH IN THE GOLD FIELDS HAD ALL OF THEIR TEETH EXTRACTED AND SOLID GOLD FALSE TEETH MADE TO REPLACE THEM!



**ACTIVE
PROHIBITIONIST—**

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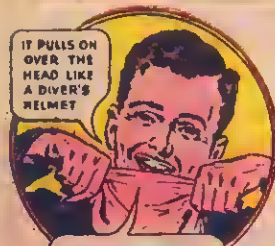


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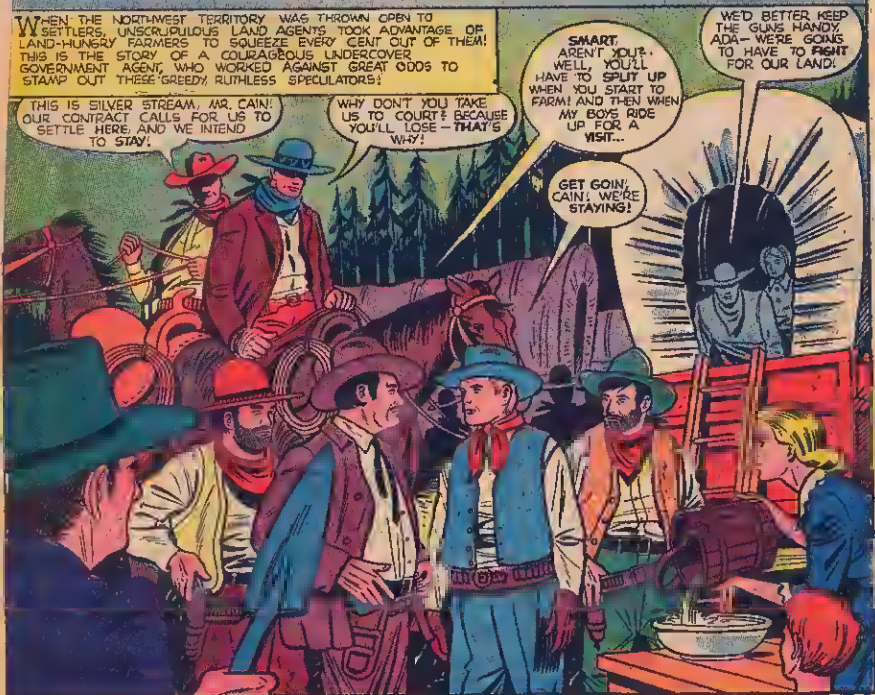
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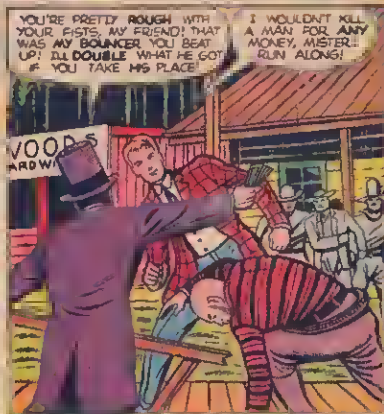
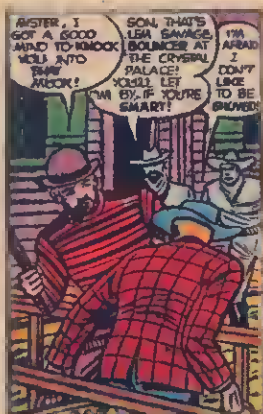
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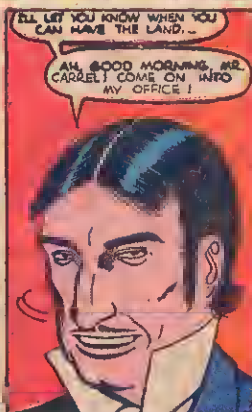
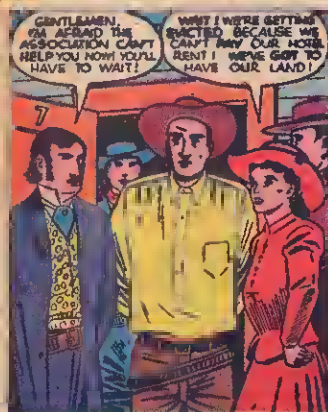
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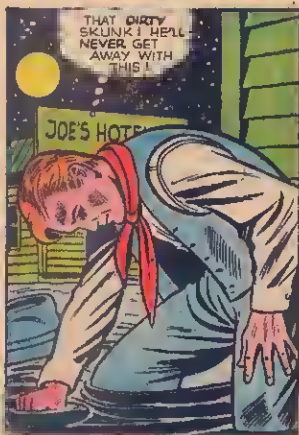
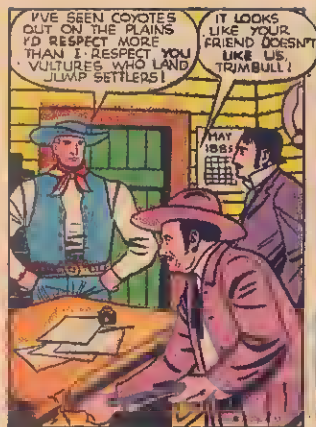
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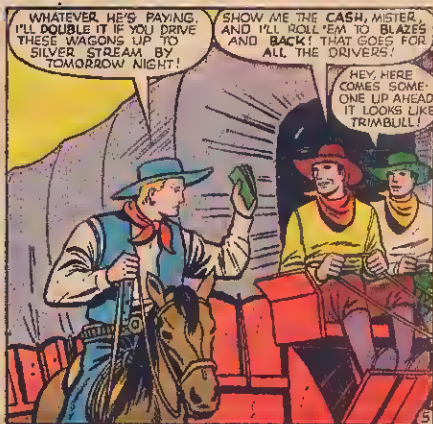
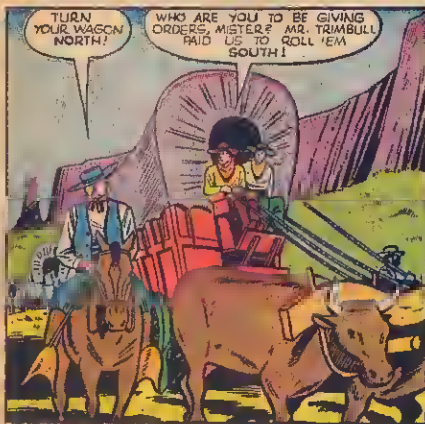
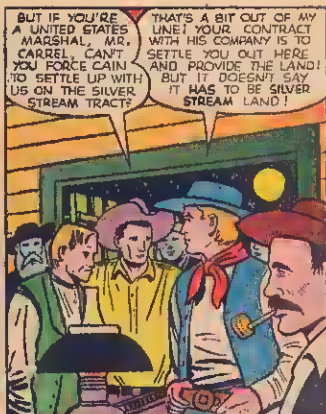
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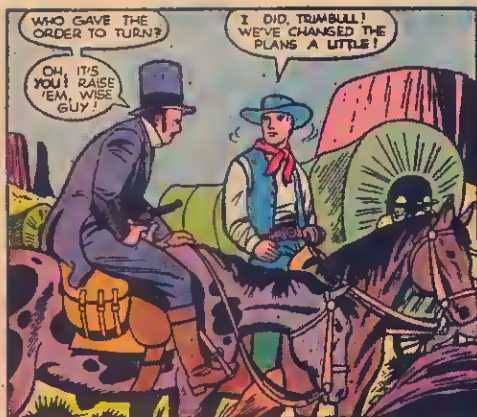












WHO GAVE THE ORDER TO TURN?

OH, IT'S YOU! RAISE 'EM, WISE GUY!

I DID, TRUMBULL! WE'VE CHANGED THE PLANS A LITTLE!



OH-HA!

THIS TIME, NOBODY'S HOLDIN' MY ARMS!



BETTER BE HIM UP IN ONE OF THE WAGONS! WE DON'T WANT HIM WARNING CAIN UNTIL WE'RE OUT AT THE STREAM AND SETTLED!



WELL, HONEY—THIS IS IT—SILVER STREAM AT LAST!

CAIN AND HIS MOB SHOULD BE NOT ON OUR TRAIL BY NOW! IT'S ALMOST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS SINCE WE LET TRUMBULL GO.



CAIN'S COMIN'! I SPOTTED HIM THROUGH THE GLASSES! HE'S GOT A HANDFUL OF GUN-TOTERS WITH HIM!

COME ON, EVERYBODY TO YOUR POSITIONS!



WELCOME TO SILVER STREAM, HAW, CAIN! THE CONTRACT CALLED FOR US TO SETTLE HERE!

I AM! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE US TO COURT? YOU WON'T—BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU'LL LOSE!

TRUMBULL TOLD ME YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!

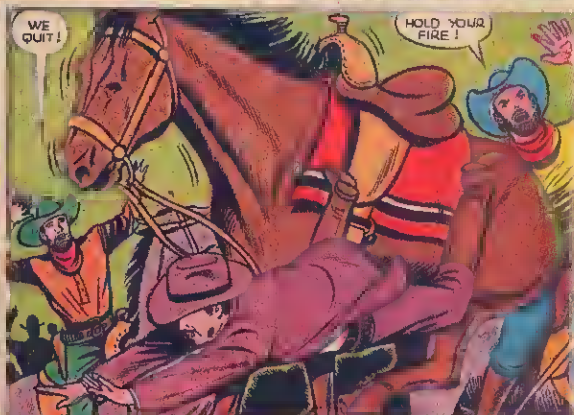
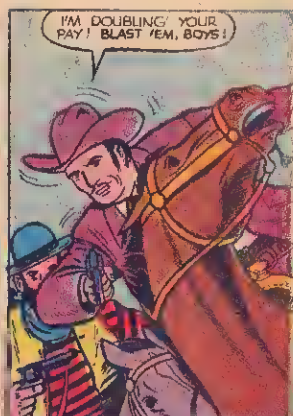


SMART, AREN'T YOU? YOU'RE ALL TOGETHER NOW, BUT YOU WON'T ALWAYS BE! I'VE GOT LAND PICKED OUT FOR YOU! EITHER YOU GO THERE, OR YOU'LL GO CRAY! BACK EAST ON YOUR HANDS AND KNEES!



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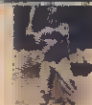
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STAMP PAGE

by Sidney M. Elias

The Koala Bear

DID you ever know that the
Teddy Bear is a real live animal
and not a toy stuffed with
sawdust. Yes, such an animal does
exist but instead of being called a
Teddy Bear its name is the
Koala Bear.

Koala



Bear

The Koala, is a native bear of
Australia and is found in parts
of that continent. Due to its lov-
able characteristics, it is pro-
tected from harm by the Aus-
tralian Commonwealth and sanc-
tuaries have been provided for
its safety. Recently, in 1938, the
Koala Bear was picked to be put
on the design of the 4d stamps
of Australia.

WOULD you ever believe that
the way one parted his hair
would lead to considerable con-
troversy? Well sir, the way a cer-
tain Philippine patriot combed
his hair almost brought about the
recalling of a stamp issue as well
as continuous arguments, and
this is the reason why—

Recently the United States of-
fered a prize to the artist who
would present the best design for
a new issue of Philippine stamps,
showing the likeness of the Philip-
pine patriot, Jose P. Rizal. Early
in 1941, the prize winning design
appeared on a new issue of 2
centavos Philippine stamps. And,
How It Did. Appear, for lo and
behold, the hair on Rizal's head
instead of being parted on the
left side, was parted on the right.

As soon as the new stamps ap-
peared on sale, complaints and
letters calling attention to the
error were received by the postal
authorities. Many patriotic so-
cieties and stamp clubs sent in
photographs of Mr. Rizal to show
how he combed his hair and some
requested that the new issue be
recalled.

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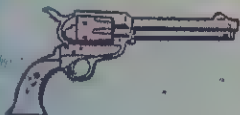
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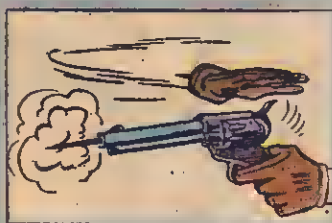
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THE "WIDOW" OF ANGEL'S GULCH

IT WAS night when young Hank Gabriel pulled up his horse at the hitching post of the main street of Ridge Bluffs, a dingy town high in the Rockies. He dismounted wearily, looked up and down the dark street, then headed for the Gold Coin Saloon, which had a sign prominently displayed: "Rooms Upstairs." He pushed through the swinging doors, went over to a table and sat down.

The bartender and two old miners seated at a rear table watched the boy cross the floor. "Howdy, stranger," the bartender cried. "What'll it be?"

"Just give me some coffee and five minutes to get my strength back," Hank grinned. "That's sure some climb between here and Carter City."

The bartender stared at him. "How'd you get up here? Ride a canary?"

"A canary!" Hank laughed and leaned on the bar. "Oh, you mean a Rocky Mountain burro!—not that I wouldn't have minded a pair of wings on that pony of mine." He twirled the cup in his hands. "No—I missed the weekly train here to Ridge Bluffs, I bought a horse from Sam Wade at the A Bar A Ranch and came on through. What I need right now is some dinner and a bed. Can you fix me up for tonight?"

The bartender looked thoughtfully at him. "I guess so—if beans an' ham an' coffee will fill the bill—"

While Hank was eating, the bartender brought out a second cup of coffee and sat down at the table with him. "I hope you don't mind if I join you, stranger. It's so long between visitors here that I don't get much information about what's going on anywhere."

Hank sipped his coffee. "Sure—I've been kinda lonely myself for the past couple of months, ever since I left Indiana. But my travelling's about done, though. How much farther is it to Angel's Gulch?"

"Angel's Gulch! What inarnation would a kid like you want in Angel's Gulch?" said the bartender. "It's ten miles from here, but that town hasn't seen a soul for twenty years or more—a living soul, that is. I wouldn't want to answer for what other kinds of beings are up there, but they sure aren't angels!"

The bartender leaned confidentially across the table. "Listen, kid, I don't know what's takin' you up there, but whatever it is, I'd pick some other spot to head for. There's lots of towns in this territory, and any one of 'em is a healthier place than Angel's Gulch!"

"What's the matter with it? Don't tell me you're scared of a ghost town!"

The older man shook his head. "There're ghost towns an' ghost towns, but there's nothin' like that place! What do you want up there, anyway?"

Hank stiffened a bit, then relaxed. "It's not your business, really, but maybe you can give me some information. My family came from there. My father made his money there—and lost it, too,

when the vein ran out. I was just about a year old then. Anyway, he was killed in that big cave-in, and mother . . . well, mother didn't live long after that." The boy paused a minute. "My aunt took me back East, and when I was eighteen she gave me a letter my mother had written to me—sixteen years before. It was a crazy sort of letter. As a matter of fact, she was pretty much out of her head when she wrote it. But she rambled on about Angel's Gulch . . . and gold in the streets . . . and . . . and . . . that the devil had a grip on the town!"

He looked up and saw the bartender staring at him.

"I know it's crazy, but—anyway, she asked me to come back here and save the town. Maybe that stuff she wrote didn't mean anything, but I came up here to take a look. And that's it!"

There was silence for a minute. Then the bartender said slowly, "I don't think I've introduced myself. I'm Rick Gorham. And your name is—" He sounded as if he were afraid Hank would confirm something he already knew.

"Gabriel, Hank Gabriel. Why, what's the matter?" he asked.

For Gorham had stood up suddenly, knocking the chair to the ground. "Get outta here!" he shouted. "You can't stay here in this town! It's young Gabriel! The Widow Gabriel's son! GET OUT!"

Hank stood up, amazed. "Now, see here . . .!" "See here, nothin'! I've seen enough of Gabriels to never want to lay eyes on one again. Get out!"

Hank swung around the table, grabbed Gorham by the collar, and shoved him back against the bar. "What d'ya mean? Tell me what you've got against Gabriels—or I'll beat it out of you!"

"Go ask the Widow!" the barkeeper shrieked hysterically. "She's up there! Go ask—"

"The Widow who? By heaven, you'll talk!" Hank raised his fist high above Gorham's head.

"Your mother!" the barkeeper whispered hoarsely. "She's been up there ever since Gabriel was killed in the cave-in and everybody left town."

"My mother's been dead for sixteen years," Hank muttered thickly, "—and no rotten drink-slinger is goin' to say she's running around a ghost town!"

Gorham twisted out of Hank's grip and sat down weakly. "I'll tell ya what I know about it." He paused, then went on. "I remember the cave-in myself. Thirty men were caught in it, and Pickett, your father's partner, was the only one to get out alive. Pickett said that the cave-in washed up the mine for good—that there was no chance of finding the mother vein again."

"After that, he left mawn, and so did the others. Finally there was nobody left but the Widow, her sister, who took you away, and her baby—you. Anyway, she kept tellin' everybody that they were crazy to leave, that the gold was there, and that all they had to do was pitch in and dig

the tunnel through again.

"Nobody'd pay any attention to her. They knew she'd been hysterical ever since Gabriel was killed. Then she left, too. The town was dead as a doornail!" The bartender stopped.

"Go on!"

"Well, then she came back! Honest—I'm not one for believin' in ghosts—but there she was . . . only about a foot taller and strong as an ox! She wandered around those empty streets crying and moanin' like a banshee! Then a prospector wandered up there, and never came back! Nobody who went tourin' around there ever came back!

"So a bunch of us from Ridge Bluffs decided to investigate and see if *she* was still around. Sure as shootin', she was, but when we chased her into the mine, with her laughin' like a hyena, a whole pile of rocks came slidin' down on our heads, and we barely got out in time. We thought she had been trapped, but later on a fella saw her again when he was comin' through the gulch! Since then, nobody's been up there—" Gorham licked his lips. "That's all, I guess!"

He looked up at Hank, who then turned without a word and strode out of the Gold Coin Saloon.

Four hours later, Hank rounded a bend of the river and drew his horse up shortly. There, cold and forlorn in the moonlight, lay the remnants of Angel's Gulch. He felt confused and almost frantic, but as he rode on he grew calmer.

"Well, there's no way of findin' out what's going on except by looking around," he thought. Suddenly he tensed. An inhuman wail filled the air, mingling with the moan of the wind. He slipped off his horse, and nervously stepped forward. He spotted the building it seemed to be coming from, then raced across the open street.

Bang! There was a loud report as a bullet whistled past his ear. He ducked into the shadows, and crept around toward the rear of the crumbling building. "That does it!" he thought. "I've never yet heard of a ghost countin' on bullets to do his dirty work!" He flattened himself against the house, and peered in through the decaying boards. And there, silhouetted against the window, was the "Widow!"

Her black, ragged veil and shaggy locks ruffling in the breeze, the black-skirted she-thing stood there, staring out of the window. "Drop that gun!" Hank shouted. "Ghost or Widow or whatever you are! You've got some answerin' to do!"

The figure whirled, dropped the gun, leaped through the window, and ran toward the mine shaft with Hank in pursuit.

"Drop or I'll fire!" Hank yelled. But the weird black figure had vanished into the gloomy darkness of the mine. Hank followed, and paused before the ladder near the entrance, testing it cautiously, remembering Gorham's adventure in the mine.

Suddenly there was a hollow rumble, and the ground under Hank's feet seemed to move. The sound of tons of shifting rock split the air, and then, as the slide settled, an anguished voice screamed out.

"I'm caught! Help me! Help me! Aie-ee-eee!" Hank dropped onto the ladder, and climbed down into the unfamiliar darkness, his gun in his hand. Dimly he made out the figure, pinned beneath rock and timber, and ran over to it.

"I can't move. Can . . . can you lift the beams? No—of course you can't. I . . . know myself how many day's work it takes to clear this . . . away." There was a groan and Hank stared in amazement.

"Why—you're a *man*! Who—who are you?"

The figure stirred feebly. "I'm Ephraim Pickett . . . seems strange—I haven't used that name in years."

"Pickett! cried Hank. "My father's partner!"

"So you're . . . young Gabriel. Maybe this is justice of some sort—that *you* should be the cause of *my* death. But then, *I* was the cause of your father's . . ."

"Why, you—what do you mean?"

"You might as well know," Pickett breathed painfully. "It's been sixteen years that I've kept this story to myself—forgotten it, really, in order to become the 'Widow'."

"It started in this same tunnel," the injured man went on. "After the original vein ran out, your father and I decided to invest all our savings in digging another shaft. We knew we hadn't struck the mother vein, but that it was there, all right. Suddenly I spotted it—there was enough gold there to make me a multi-millionaire. So I covered it over and ordered the men to stop digging. But Gabriel smelled a rat, and started to re-open the tunnel. I hid some dynamite in the rock, and as soon as Gabriel and his men happened on the new vein, I set off the fuse. The explosion almost got me, too, but I got out. Your father, and the others died there."

"I'd like to—" Hank felt himself ready to strike Pickett, but instead said grimly, "What about my mother?"

"Well, she just about went crazy. I don't know how much she knew, but she was so out of her mind, it didn't matter much. After that, everybody cleared out and headed for other richer mines. I left for a while myself and when I heard of her death, I got an idea that would keep everybody away from this town."

"That was when the Widow reappeared—only *I* was the Widow," Pickett smiled a little. "It was a cinch to take care of the few fools who ventured in, and when a posse from Ridge Bluffs came after me—well, I was ready for them, too. I had a slide all ready for them, one that looked like the real thing, but that just blocked off the tunnel for a few feet. Then all I had to do was clear it away after they left and start in again."

Pickett was growing weaker. "A fat lot of good that vein did me, though. Sure, I got a lot out—pure gold nuggets—only it meant that I had to pack it over the pass to Bakerstown because I might have been recognized in Ridge Bluffs. And I couldn't take a chance on leaving Angel's Gulch unguarded for more than a few days. Each time I made that trip I thought it would be my last, that I'd go somewhere and settle down. But I kept on coming back for more. I guess I never learned to let well enough alone."

He shuddered and took a difficult breath. "I . . . guess I . . . I haven't any use for . . . any of . . . it now. It's all . . . yours . . . as it should—"

There was a long silence, broken only by Hank's slow breathing, in that long tunnel where so many lives had been lost—all for the gold that had brought nothing to the man who had craved it but a fear-ridden life—and a violent death. Pickett had planned well—but so had Fate.

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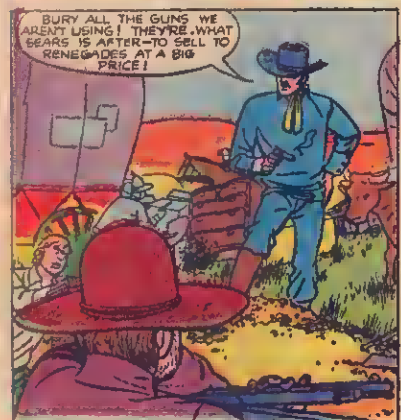
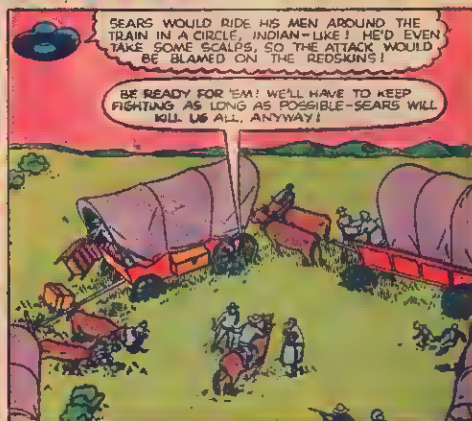
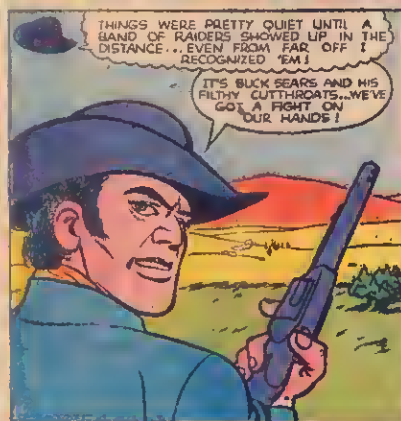
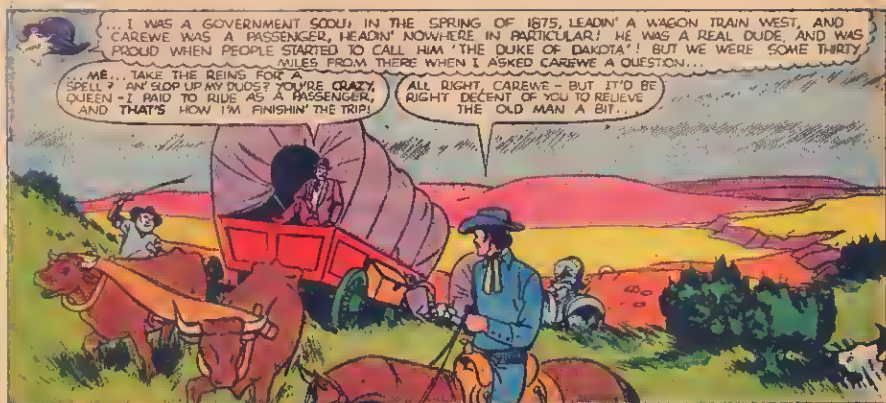
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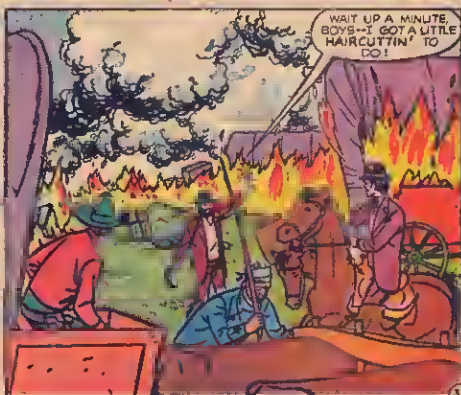
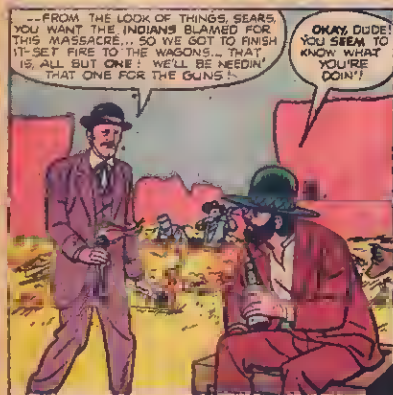
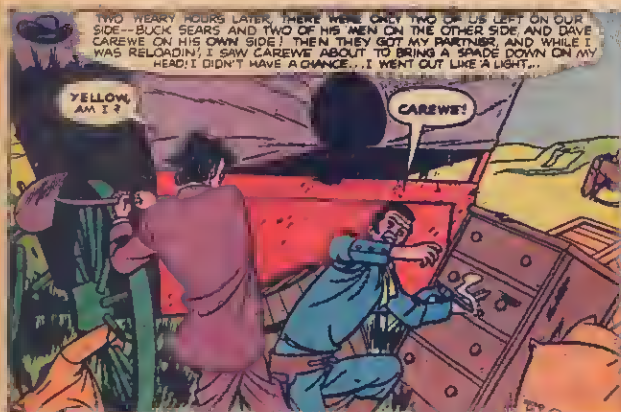
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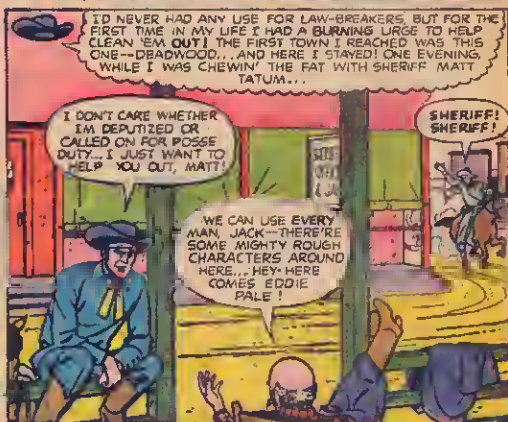
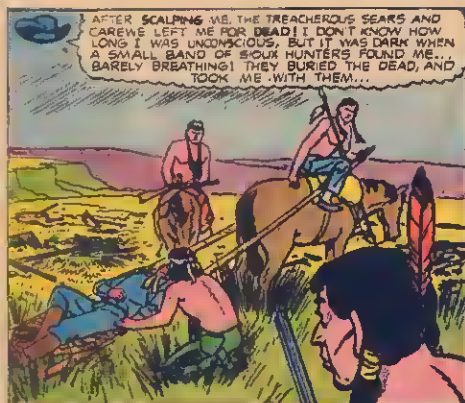
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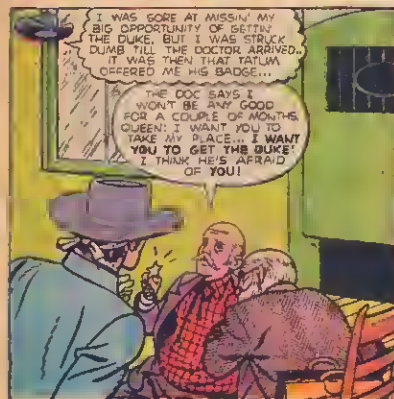
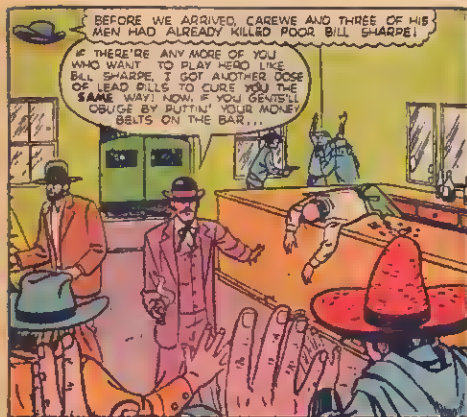
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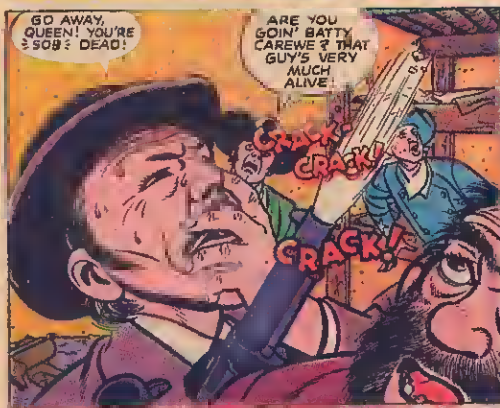
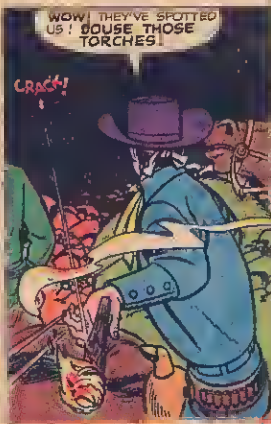


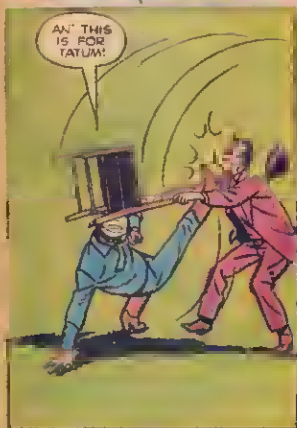


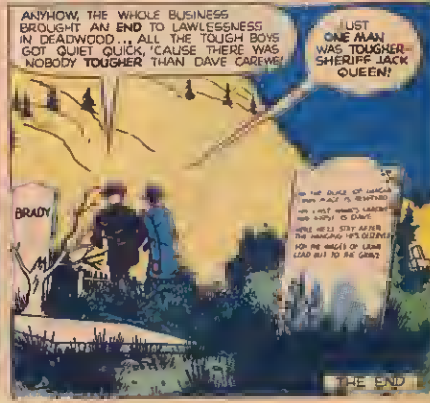








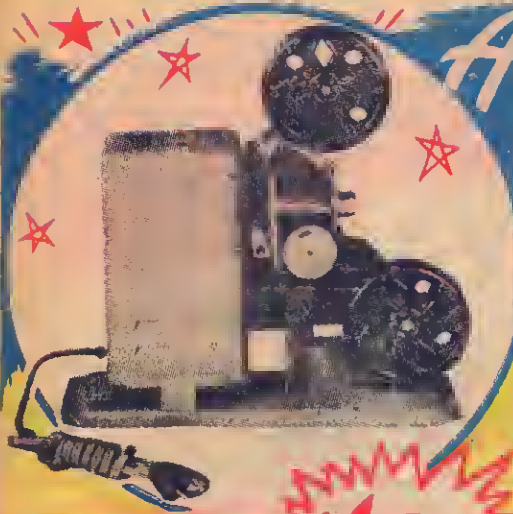




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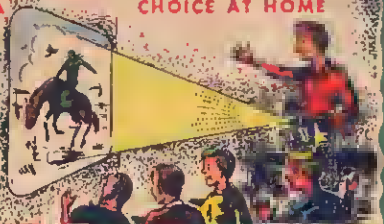
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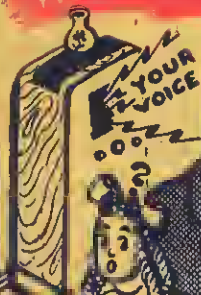
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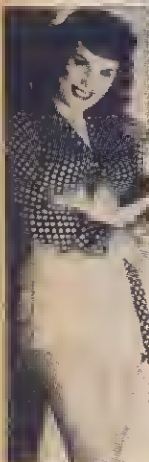
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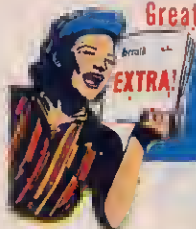
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